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In re Application of

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Application No. 10/595,236

PCT No.: PCT/NO04/00288

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For:

Method For Reducing The Time Delay In A Telephone System

DECISION ON

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.182

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 filed on 28 June 2007.

BACKGROUND

International application PCT/NO04/00288 was filed on 29 September 2004, claimed an earliest priority date of 29 September 2003, and designated the U.S. The International Bureau transmitted a copy of the published international application to the USPTO on 07 April 2005. The 30 month time period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 29 March 2006. Applicants filed, inter alia, a basic national fee on 29 March 2006.

DISCUSSION

Petitioner states in part that

Applicants submit that the above-referenced application is a U.S. National Phase application based on International Application No. PCT/NO2004/000288 as published in International Publication No. WO 2005/032002.

Upon electronic filing of the application, the incorrect application number of PCT/US2004/000288 was entered in place of the correct application number of PCT/NO2004/000288. Applicants submit that this error was unintentional...

Applicants request the correction of the priority application number to recite International Application No. PCT/NO2004/000288...

Inspection of the application papers filed on 29 March 2006 reveals that reference was made to international application PCT/NO2004/000288 (e.g., on the unsigned declaration and on the English translation). These indicia conflict with the International Application Number of "PCT/US04/00288" shown on the Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt. Resolution of this matter requires a proper petition (and fee) under 37 CFR 1.182.

As quoted above, the instant petition indicates that the items filed on 29 March 2006 were intended to be directed to the United States national phase of PCT/NO2004/000288 rather than PCT/US04/00288 as shown on the Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt. Petitioner attributes the discrepancy to an "error," but has not provided a statement made on the basis of first-hand knowledge describing the nature of the error (e.g., whether the discrepancy arose from a typographic or transcription error, or some other cause). Petitioner should also confirm the nature of the relief requested, since "correction of the priority application number" does not clearly imply correction of the identity of the international application for which national stage entry is sought.

DECISION

The petition is **DISMISSED**, without prejudice, as explained *supra*.

Applicants have <u>TWO (2) MONTHS</u> from the mailing date of this decision, extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to file a response. Failure to file a timely reply will result in **ABANDONMENT**.

Petitioner's Deposit Account 20-0782 is being charged for the \$400.00 petition fee under 37 CFR 1.182, as authorized by the instant petition.

Please direct any further correspondence with respect to this matter to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop PCT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, and address the contents of the letter to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

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